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BOWEN, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1897. [409]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"SWATOW,"
Captain P. Jespersen, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hankow, 5th March 1897. [396]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
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FOR SWATOW AND TIENTSIN.
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"NANCHANG,"
Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 8th instant, at Noon.
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Hongkong, 5th March, 1897. [351]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM TO
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(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
THE Company's Steamship

"HOHENZOLLERN,"
Captain H. Mecker, will leave for the above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant.
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MELCHERS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 5th March, 1897. [390]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.

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THE Company's Steamship

"SACHSEN,"
Captain H. Sommer, due here with the outward German Mail about the 5th instant, will leave for the above place about 2 1/2 hours after arrival.
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Hongkong, 5th March, 1897. [390]

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1897.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

GREECE AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, March 3rd.
The Collective Note appeals to the wisdom of Greece not to resist the resolution of the Powers, who will not hesitate to employ coercive measures to enforce the evacuation of Crete. It is generally expected that Greece will refuse to comply with the demands.

THE OPENING OF THE
TIENTSIN RIVER.

SHANGHAI, February 27th.
The opening of the Tientsin river to navigation is to be celebrated in a sportive manner by our aquatic friends, for we learn that seventeen or eighteen steamers belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Jardine Matheson & Co., and the China Merchants will leave Shanghai for the northern ports on Saturday, the 6th March, on the first of the flood tide, viz., about noon. The race is expected to afford considerable excitement.—China Gazette.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BANQUET to H.E. Wu Ting Fang to-night.

U.S.S. Olympia left for a short cruise this morning.

H.M.S. Pigmy leaves Hongkong on the 12th instant for Singapore.

The Japanese man-of-war Oshima-han arrived at Shanghai on the 27th ultimo.

The Victoria English Schools Sports will take place at Happy Valley at 1.30 p.m. to-morrow.

H.M.S. Albatross left for Macao this morning, with Admiral Sir Alexander and Lady Buller on board.

The Russian squadron in the harbour of Chemulpo has been strengthened by the arrival of the Dmitri Donskoi and the Kurik, and the Admiral Korniloff will soon join them.

It is reported that Polo and Humburg are going to race at the Fochow Spring Meeting. Amoy owners are sending Thank You, Blue Jacket, Exmoor, Darimoor, and Sidmouth to the Fochow Meeting.

ARGENTINA'S torpedo boat destroyer Extra Rios has, according to the Scientific American, reached Buenos Ayres from England, having made the run from the island of St. Vincent, a distance of 3,700 miles, without putting into port for coal. The Extra Rios crossed the Atlantic in stormy weather and proved herself a first-rate sea boat.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

H.K. & K.W. & Godown Co., Ltd. \$50
J. J. dos Remedios & Co., Ltd. 25
S. B. Babbar 10
M. B. Polihwalla 10

The following is the programme of music to be played by the West Yorkshire Band at the banquet (City Hall) this evening:—

1.—March.—"Washington Post."
2.—Overture.—"The Merry Widow."
3.—Intermezzo.—"Aida to Moscow."
4.—Selection.—"The Merry Widow."
5.—Selection.—"The Merry Widow."
6.—Selection.—"The Merry Widow."
7.—Selection.—"The Merry Widow."
8.—Selection.—"The Merry Widow."

THE bar-boy and cook of the Stag Hotel had a nasty scrimmage yesterday afternoon which resulted in the former having his eye blackened and his face cut. The reason for the row was that the day before the cook with several others were gambling in the hotel and as the boy was indirectly concerned in his getting into trouble, he attacked him on the first opportunity. The bellicose cook was to-day imprisoned for 28 days.

THREE appears to be no falling-off in the popularity of Willson's Circus, large audiences assembling at each performance and the applause accorded the various performers fully indicates warm appreciation. This evening Mr. Harry Dixon, the clever bareback rider and all-round athlete, is to have a complimentary benefit. An additional attraction will be the local horse leaping contest for a silver cup, and as a good programme has been arranged there should be a bumper house.

AT the Supreme Court to-day Mr. Kirkpatrick of the Mica Works, was proceeded against in Summary Jurisdiction by a summons for \$7.10 wages. The case was heard by Mr. Justice Scroombie S.N.J., who decided that the Company's manager was liable and not Mr. Kirkpatrick. In addition to being wrongfully summoned, Mr. Kirkpatrick had the pleasure of seeing his name, without initials, spelled thusly in the Cause List: "Karpiti."

ANOTHER Chinese lad of 14 years of age was brought up at the Police Court to-day for snatching a pair of gold earrings from a young woman. It appears that as she was walking along Queen's Road Central she felt her earrings being snatched and turning round she caught the boy by his clothes. He broke loose, but was ultimately arrested by a constable who heard her cries. Captain Hastings awarded him the usual punishment of 10 days' hard labour and 3 years in the Reformatory.

THERE was a Race Meeting at Tientsin on the 10th. The first race, half-a-mile, catch weights, for hacks, was won by Mr. J. M. Dickinson's Roanhack, Mr. C. R. Morling; Eight starters; Time, 1 min. 7 secs. The second race, one mile and a quarter, by Mr. Mankie's Bunder, Mr. Bejram. Ten starters. Time 2 min. 23 secs. The steeplechase, one round, catch weights, by Mr. Mankie's Tongkah, Mr. C. R. Morling. Six starters. The fourth race, driving the polo ball, was won by Mr. Gude.

THE Chinese at Singapore have decided on having a lantern procession in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. All the houses are to be illuminated and decorated, and Wayangs are to last to the end of the week.

THE Yokohama Town Council have decided not to sanction the tramcar service proposed by Mr. Tomoda and others, for the electric railway, promoted by Mr. Wada and others, owing to the narrowness of the streets of Yokohama.

A MEETING of British subjects was held at the Masonic Hall, Amoy, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, to consider the best way of celebrating Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. We are promised a report of the proceedings at an early date.

THE small-pox epidemic in Yokohama having greatly abated, the vaccination stations are shortly to be closed. The number of people vaccinated in Yokohama from the outbreak of the disease up to the 17th ultimo was 65,000.

MR. NIYAMA, Inspector, Mr. Ono, expert, and Mr. Ito, assistant Inspector, of the Agricultural and Commercial Department of Japan, who have been ordered to Europe to buy horses for the Imperial stud, will leave some time this month.

THE Machine Gun Company of the Hongkong Volunteers will compete for the Hon. T. H. Whitehead's Cup next Saturday, the 13th instant. The firing will take place from Wong-nel-chong Gap at targets placed off the foreshore of Deep Water Bay.

LIEUTENANT ROBERTS, son of the Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, who is stationed with his regiment—the Royal Fusiliers—in India, recently, through an accident at polo, lost the sight of an eye. The ball, it seems, struck the eye-glass Lieutenant Roberts was wearing, and drove several splinters into his eye.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Victoria English Schools Athletic Sports to-morrow afternoon:—
1.—March.—"Gibraltar."
2.—Overture.—"Light Cavalry."
3.—Intermezzo.—"A Ride to Moscow."
4.—Selection.—"La Vie Parisienne."
5.—Selection.—"You Sleep."
6.—Selection.—"Soleil et Ombre."
7.—Selection.—"England."
8.—Galep.—"John Peel."

IN the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd at Singapore, on the 22nd ultimo Bishop Fée, assisted by Fathers Menuevrie and Borghoff, celebrated a pontifical requiem high mass for the late Bishop of Macao. There were present Bishop Bourdon, Fathers Baptista, Esteves, and Soares, the acting Portuguese Consul, and the clergy and congregation of both churches.—Press.

A DISASTROUS fire broke out in Rangoon on the evening of Monday, February 15th, causing damage to household and landed property estimated at Rs. 250,000 in value. The fire occurred in the thickly populated district of Upper Poozongung, which is situated in the very heart of the mill industry. No loss of life is reported, but hundreds of families have been left homeless and destitute by this calamity.

MAJOR LOETHARE, of Congo Free State fame, arrived at Bangkok on the 18th ult. The *Stam Observer* bears that Major Loethare is on a lengthy tour, and, having seen Saigon, has come on to Bangkok, where he has several friends among the Belgian community. After some days' stay there he will go down to Singapore, where he will be the guest of the Officers' Mess, and then go on to Java to see the coffee plantations.

WE read in home paper that Mr. Walter Bentley, the actor, has nearly completed his studies for the Colonial Bar, and it is understood that he will take up criminal practice in Queensland as soon as he is "called." Mr. Bentley is really the eldest son of the late Rev. Dr. Begg, the great Free Church divine. He was a pupil at the school connected with the church under Mr. Joseph Chalmers in the early thirties. He is a brother of Dr. Begg, of Hankow.

WE to-day received a package of Tacoma exchanges (*Ledger and News*) bearing dates from Sept. 21st, 1896, to Jan. 23rd, 1897! This would be a welcome donation for a lightship-keeper, but it proved somewhat too ancient to warrant us wading through it. Anyhow, we have laid the papers aside for Sunday reading, when all other literary recreation has become exhausted. By the way, it would be interesting to know what kind of a hamlet our friends in Tacoma think Hongkong is.

TRAINING for the Shanghai Spring Meeting commenced on the 1st instant. Already there has been a good deal of speculation in the Model Settlement regarding the Champions, and *Sport and Gossip* says the following are the latest betting transactions:—

1,000 to 250 against	Invader (t)
1,000 " 125 "	Ho Broker (t)
1,000 " 100 "	Holstomer (t)
1,000 " 75 "	Art (t)
1,000 " 75 "	Blackberry (t)
1,000 " 35 "	Sani Doute (t)
1,000 " 25 "	Merrimac (t)
1,000 " 20 "	Wing (t)
1,000 " 15 "	Slender (t)
1,000 " 15 "	Standard (t)

A DAY or two ago we drew attention to the numbers of Chinese children catching small fish having the appearance of whitebait in the pools on the mud-swamp to the east of old Pedder's Wharf. Yesterday afternoon numbers of these small fish were lying dead on the mud and the urchins were carefully selecting those which were not too far gone in decay to eat. What caused the death of the fish it is difficult to say, but they cannot be particularly wholesome eating and an outbreak of typhoid fever, or possibly worse, may result. If the Sanitary authorities will not put a stop to this collecting of diseased fish, they might at least prevent the children from paddling about in the black slime and miring it up, as the affair is anything but pleasant to the occupants of the neighbouring houses.

CHAN KI was imprisoned for 3 months' hard to-day for stealing a large box of preserved meats and one of tea from a shopkeeper. The culprit, with a few others not in custody, coolly entered the complainant's godown and said he was engaged for carrying the boxes and made away with them.

A SENSATIONAL report is made in the *Nippon*, a Japanese vernacular paper, to the effect that Mrs. Carey endeavoured to commit suicide by taking poison in the British gaol at Yokohama at about 4 p.m. on the 5th ult., and her life was seriously endangered for a while. The British authorities are now said to be enquiring into the matter and if the report be true it will be interesting to learn how the prisoner obtained poison.

A VERY successful entertainment was given last night by the Kowloon Dock staff, in their reading room at Kowloon, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The programme was well selected and Messrs. Blefield, Thomas, Rickwood, Felham and Mrs. Stringer were loudly applauded for their songs. The principal feature of the programme was the "Toy Symphony," conducted by Mr. W. Blayney, which was successfully carried through without a hitch of any kind. Much credit is due to Messrs. McPhail and Stewart for the arrangements of the evening's entertainment. At the conclusion Mr. R. V. Rutter, on behalf of the Kowloon Dock staff, thanked the ladies and gentlemen who assisted in making the concert a success.

NEWS has reached us by the last American mail of the murder of Fong Ching, alias "Little Pete," a well-known and wealthy resident of San Francisco. He was shot in a barber's shop on the night of January 23rd and the murderers are said to be members of the See Yip Society, who had a vendetta against the Sam Yips of which Fong Ching was a prominent member. Two men have been arrested. The two revolver shots fired both reached vital spots in the victim. He was born in Kowloon, came to the States when 5 years old, and began life as an errand boy in a shoe store. The *Call* says he had been a gambler, had imported women, ran gambling games, and swindled people at the races, and bribed juries in a way that white men would never think of doing.

WE notice that the ferry launches plying in the harbour are frequently crowded to excess to the very great danger of both passengers and crew. We have seen the Kowloon Ferry Boats carrying such a number of first-class passengers that many were obliged to stand, the seats being all full. This is usually the case with the midnight boat from Hongkong to Kowloon after the close of a performance at the theatre or of the circus. As the launches are only certified to carry a limited number of passengers and that limit is a wide one any excess must render them unsafe. We should be glad to see some adequate supervision exercised by the police, before some disaster happens. When there are any performances in the City Hall or elsewhere an extra launch could be put on the run to prevent overcrowding.

THE *Pioneer*, referring to the causes of famine in India, says:—So long as the social habits of a population are as in India, so long as times of prosperity are not utilised to raise the general standard of material comfort, and thereby to leave a margin to work upon in time of scarcity, so long will the poorest classes be unable to stand the brunt of a famine. The Settlement Officer of one of the largest divisions in the North-West Provinces and Oudh wrote a few years ago:—"In a country where it is looked upon as a duty to prepare help on the earliest practical date, irrespective of any means of supporting the family when it comes temporary dependence on others for food and raiment is unavoidable in the case of a large number. Absurdly disproportionate marriage expenses, in addition to the irregular taxation which a tenant has to satisfy, besides the regular demand for rents, soon disposes of a small hoarded surplus. Perhaps a bad season intervenes, and he can no longer pay his rent without recourse to the money-lender." And again:—"In view of the customary insistence on early marriage and the very small food wage upon which a rural labourer manages not only to support himself but to propagate his species, no remedy would give more than a temporary relief, except a change in the relations and views of life." Just so, but this only one side of the question.

A GENERAL meeting of the Tokwa Cotton Spinning Company was held in the Oriska Hotel on the 17th Feb. to consider the resolution to wind up the concern. There were present 310 shareholders, representing 35,780 shares. Mr. Matsunawa, the chair in the absence of Mr. Matsunawa, president of the company. It was explained from the chair that the company had been convinced of the disadvantage of having the factory at Shanghai, as projected, and the establishment of the factory in Japan met with such opposition that the only course left was to wind up the concern. An animated debate ensued, and a motion was made to continue the business as projected, with some reduction of the capital, on the score that the steps proposed would involve a heavy loss, as the ground for the factory was already purchased and also the machinery and plant. It was further urged that the factory should be established as a memorial of the late war. There were prospects of a profitable business, and to abandon the project would reflect unfavourably upon the Osaka merchants. This motion obtained a good deal of support. In reply to a question the Chairman explained that the winding-up of the concern was calculated to result in a loss of about 200,000 yen, as the best offer made for the machinery and plant was about 100,000 yen, or 15 per cent. less than its original cost. On the vote being taken upon the resolution to wind-up, it was carried by a majority. Mr. Matsunawa, Matsunawa and nine other gentlemen were appointed the liquidators, and the meeting adjourned.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

BOTH the civil and military authorities of Aldershot are considering how best to celebrate Her Majesty's long reign. The prevailing idea at present is that a grand review similar to that which took place on the occasion of the Jubilee, but of even greater magnitude, shall be held on the Queen's birthday.—It is expected that, in addition to about sixty or seventy thousand troops of all arms of the service at home, there will be marshalled troops representing the military forces of the Colonies under Her Majesty's dominion.

SAVES the *Singapore Free Press*—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gilbert, having completed their visit to Borneo, have left Rangoon for England by the *Yokohama*. We may perhaps shortly see the result of this in a Burmese comic opera at the Savoy, Sir Arthur Sullivan supplying the music. If the "Mikado" success can be repeated, then all we need say is "Te-Kong-é," as they remark in the pageant "Land of Nge-pee." Happy thought! Mr. Gilbert might introduce with fine effect a lyric on these lines:—
There is a Nge-pee land
Far, far away.

HO SING, tailor, and Ho Lun, house-boy, were brought up at the Magistrate to-day on remand, charged by Inspector Quincey with having stolen \$80 worth of silk and clothing, the property of their employer, the Hon. Wei Yik. The Inspector informed the Magistrate that seven other boxes had been found broken open in the same house since the prisoners were first charged. They were the only persons having access to the boxes and silk and clothing valued at \$2,500 had been stolen. Captain Hastings inflicted the maximum penalty of 6 months' hard labour on each prisoner.

AT the City Hall this afternoon Mr. Granville Sharp, under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, delivered an interesting lecture entitled "Money: How to get and how to keep it." The chair was taken by Mr. Thomas Jackson and there was a good attendance of ladies and gentlemen. In graphic language Mr. Sharp illustrated the "barter" period of history and the growth of coinage to its present state, and next he touched upon the question of bimetallicism and composite currencies. The disinterested treatment of coinage in the Far East received attention from Mr. Sharp, and so too did the subject of counterfeiting. Several instances in the lecturer's own experience were given regarding "chopping." Our banking institutions also came under review, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank being warmly complimented on the manner in which it has discouraged the defacement of our currency. Mr. Sharp then proceeded to deal with the getting and keeping of money, and he bore full testimony to the extravagance of life in the Far East in bygone days. He dwelt largely upon the matter of thrift, speculation and prodigality, quoting the elder Rothschild, Carnegie and others, and his reminiscent notes added considerably to the interest of a very entertaining address. The usual votes of thanks closed the proceedings.

EUROPE contains 560 miles of electric railway, with 25,000 horse-power and 1,747 cars. In the United States there are, according to the latest figures, 12,123 miles of road worked by electricity (more than 21 times that of Europe), with a total of 34,971 cars.

STREET CARS are beginning to make way against omnibuses in England. Petitions for twenty-nine lines in Birmingham alone are now before Parliament, while Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, Bradford, Halifax, and Huddersfield will apply for power to construct new tramways.

ACCORDING to a London paper a firm of book-sellers received recently an order for the following titles:—"Pharaoh" (Farrar), "Life of Christ" (Worster's), "Dante's Calendar" (Dante's Calendar), "Handbook to Algebra and Trigonometry" (Algebra and Trigonometry), "Goodwin's Grammar" by a Farmer, "Jewel Logic" (Droghda), and "Ruskin's 'Fountains and Heretics' (Fountains Agrestis)."

CHENG TU NOTES.

(From our Correspondent.)

THE FREE RICE CANARD.

JANUARY, 19th.

I herewith enclose a copy of proclamation issued and posted up here after our little incident of the so-called distribution of rice by foreigners, mentioned in my last letter. This is the translation of the proclamation:—

A PROCLAMATION.
"Tang, by Imperial favour of the third rank brevet, ten times promoted for loyal service, and six times for distinguished service. Precedent in charge at Chengtu, together with the two assistant Magistrates, Shun of Chengtu District, and Tang of Hwa-yang District, do plainly set forth that, seeing that all the people in the Provincial capital are being gradually repaired and the people and missionaries most friendly, one with the other, from this time forth Chinese and foreigners may for ever preserve true harmony and all together enjoy the blessings of peace. But the hearts of the people of Chengtu are unstable, and it is reported that again there are persons not attending to their business who are seeking the opportunity to spread false reports which might possibly lead to serious trouble. We are therefore compelled to issue this proclamation to give due notice, and from this proclamation we trust that all classes may clearly understand that after this notice is given every one must attend to his own affairs and not lend credulous ears to foolish reports to stir up trouble and commit offences. Should anyone discover any person circulating false reports, he will quickly report the matter to us and we will at once seize the offender and make investigation. We will abundantly reward the informer and punish the author of the false reports as a warning to others."
Beware and obey! This proclamation is to this end.
The 22nd year of Kwangshu, the 12th moon and 6th day.

ALL QUIET.
All is perfectly quiet here now again I am glad to say. Great preparations are being made by the natives, as usual, for New Year's Festival.
MR. AND MRS. HAAS.
Consul Haas and Mrs. Haas are here in the city, and will proceed to De Tien Lu and Batang shortly.
THE BRITISH COMMISSION.
The Commission is expected to be up on the way from Chungking to Chengtu, and may be here this week.—*Mercury*.

Intimations.

WASTE OF TIME

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Proprietors,

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contains lime, and also the very essence of rich blood and healthy flesh. It has a remarkable effect on babies and children, insuring a healthy growth. The problem is simple. Scott's Emulsion contains the actual elements of food in an easy form for digestion and assimilation. Try it.

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Shipping.

STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.
THE Company's Steamship"SHANTUNG,"
Captain Frimont, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 8th March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [363]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON AND HAMBURG.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to COPENHAGEN,
STOCKHOLM, NORKKOPING, GÖTTE,
DANTZIG and KÖNIGSBERG, with transshipment
in HAMBURG.)

THE Company's Steamship

"NERIT,"
Captain Daniel, will be despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 10th March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [341]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"STRATHLEVEN,"
will sail on MONDAY, the 15th instant, instead
of as previously advertised.
S.S. "MACDUFF," to sail about 22nd
March, 1897.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [350]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"
Captain Ramsay, will be despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 16th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [406]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF
STEAMERS.

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"HELENE-RICKMERS,"
Captain Reibellmann, will be despatched as
above on THURSDAY, the 18th March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [370]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th instant,
at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1897. [397]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"
Captain G. A. Taylor, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at
Noon, instead of as previously advertised.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for Passengers, and is fitted with the Electric
Light.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1897. [395]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"
Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th March, at
3 P.M.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [377]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO,"
Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at
Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [407]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND CHINKIA'G.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAMSUI,"
Captain Vaughan, will be despatched as above
on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [375]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"WUHU,"
Captain Benson, will be despatched as above
on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [376]

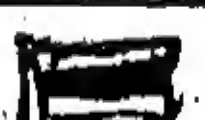
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED,"
Captain Bartlett, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 8th March.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [364]



NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,
VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND
HONOLULU.(Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading
issued for the principal Cities in the
UNITED STATES, CANADA and EUROPE, in
connection with the Great Northern Railway
and Atlantic Steamers.)

THE Company's Steamship

"TENSIN MARU,"
Captain J. Brown, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant, at 4 P.M.,
instead of as previously advertised.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in QUADRUPPLICATE, and one
Copy must be mailed by the Steamer to the
care of the FREIGHT AGENT, Great Northern
Railway, Seattle, Wash.For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [366]

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

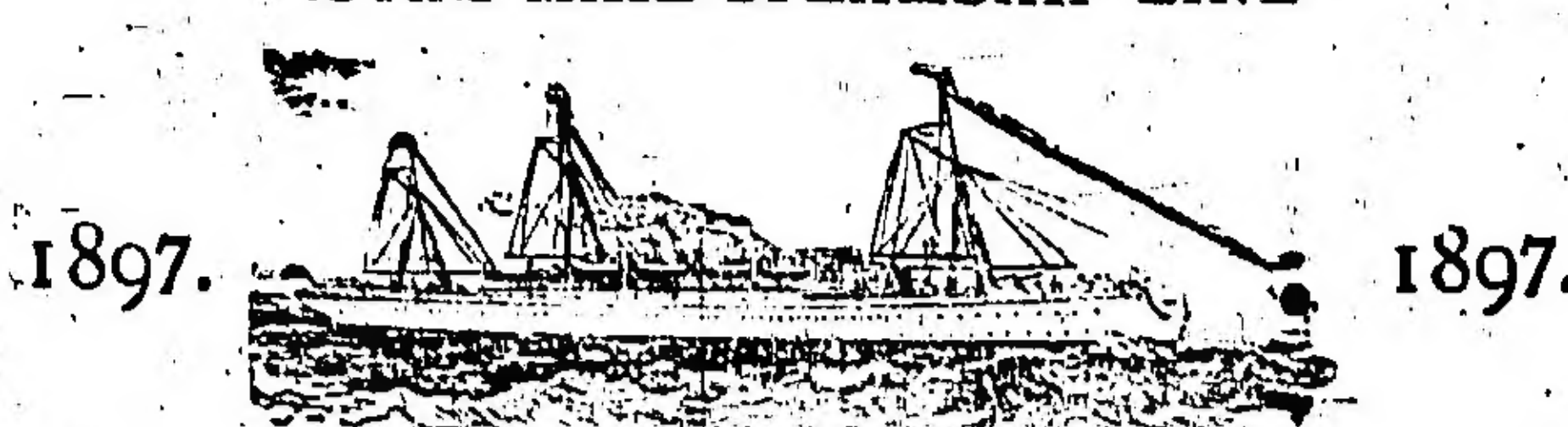
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.
(Subject to Alteration.)"CHITTAGONG,"
[Saturday, 13th March,
at Noon.TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED
STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship

"CHITTAGONG,"
will be despatched hence for VICTORIA,
(B.C.) and PORTLAND OREGON, via KOBE
and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 20th
March.Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in QUADRUPPLICATE, and one
Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to
the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT,
Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland,
Oregon.For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [409]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
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Twin Screw Steamships—4,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Fybus, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 17th March.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 7th April.

EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 28th April.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF
JAPAN, and usually make the voyage
YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12
DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL
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passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return
tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan.CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney
Australia, via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits. Good for
9 months, £100.The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS,
(second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS
(the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition)
and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the
Railway passes.THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by
the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

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EUROPE.THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Galle (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In- Saturday, 13th March,
land Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) at Noon.Doris (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In- Thursday, 1st April,
land Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) at Noon.Belge (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In- Thursday, 22nd April,
land Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND
SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on
SATURDAY, the 13th March, 1897, at Noon.Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,
and passengers are allowed to break their
journey at any point en route.Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the
United States or Canada. Rates, and particu-
lars of the various Routes may be obtained
upon application.Special rates (First-class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European
Officials in service of China and Japan, and to
Government officials and their families.Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice
versa) within one year, will be allowed a dis-
count of 10 per cent. This allowance does not
apply to through fares for China and Japan
to Europe.All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full, and same will be received at
the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day
previous to sailing.Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 7, Praya Central.J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent
Hongkong, 24th February, 1897. [18]F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
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AND GENERAL COMMISSION
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Hongkong, 19th May, 1897. [39]

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STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD
COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to
the very cheap rates offered by this Line
to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and
EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and
CANADA and to EUROPE.HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table,
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The Railroad travelling is second to none on
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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passen-
gers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first
class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$245.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Services.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Tacoma 2,549 | Tuesday ... | Mar. 9.

Victoria 3,167 | Tuesday ... | Mar. 23.

Olympia 2,608 | Tuesday ... | April 13.

Bismarck 3,601 | Tuesday ... | May 4.

THE Steamship

"TACOMA,"
Captain T. A. Whistler, R.N.R., sailing at Noon,
on TUESDAY, the 9th March, will proceed to
VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), via
SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and
United States Ports.Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate, and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific
Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address
marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to
sailing.For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [14]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, ALEXANDRIA,
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERMAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and
AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"ROHILLA,"
Captain F. J. Cole, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY,
&c., on THURSDAY, the 11th March, at
Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above
Ports. This Steamer also connects at Bombay
with the S.S. India leaving that Port on the 3rd
April for London.Silk and Valerian, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay.Parcels will be received at this Office until
4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills
of Lading.For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RUTCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1897. [15]

NORDEUTSCHER Lloyd.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANT,
BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:
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LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL
PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Sachsen Tuesday ... | 30th March.

Bayern Tuesday ... | 27th April.

Prinz Heinrich Tuesday ... | 23rd May.

ON TUESDAY, the 30th day of March,
1897, at 4 A.M., the Company's Steamship
"SACHSEN," Captain H. Sommer, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT and CARGO,
will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES
and GENOA.Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on
SATURDAY, the 27th March. Cargo and Special
will be received on board until 4 P.M. on Monday
the 29th March, and Parcels will be received at
the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the
30th March. Contents of Packages are required.
No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than
25 lbs and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet
Cube in Measurement.The Steamer has splendid Accommodation,
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.For further Particulars, apply to
MILCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [390]

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